

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
(Ameritech Illinois))	
and Choctaw Communications, L.C. d/b/a)	
Smoke Signal Communications)	
)	02-0782
Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated)	
Interconnection Agreement dated)	
September 30, 2002, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)	

ILLINOIS BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
(Ameritech Illinois))	
and Choctaw Communications, L.C. d/b/a)	
Smoke Signal Communications)	
)	03-0088
Joint Petition Regarding First Amendment)	
to Negotiated Interconnection Agreement)	
pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252)	

MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE PROCEEDINGS

Illinois Bell Telephone Company (“Ameritech Illinois”), through counsel, hereby moves to consolidate the above-cited negotiated agreement cases, pursuant to 83 Ill. Admin. Code 763.330(a). In support of its motion, Ameritech Illinois states as follows:

1. Each of the two dockets involved in this motion involve the interconnection agreement between Ameritech Illinois and Choctaw Communications, L.C. d/b/a Smoke Signal Communications (“Choctaw”). The second-filed docket (No. 03-0088) is intended to amend the original interconnection agreement at is sue in No. 02-0782 by replacing the performance measures appendix in the agreement.

2. Ameritech Illinois and Choctaw have entered into, and filed, the amendment to address Staff's concerns regarding the performance measures appendix contained in the original interconnection agreement. Consolidation of the two dockets thus would reduce administrative burdens on the carriers, as well as on the Commission and its staff.

3. Docket No. 02-0782 is assigned to Administrative Law Judge John Albers. Docket No. 03-0088 was filed on February 7, 2003, and has not been assigned to a particular administrative law judge ("ALJ").

4. Counsel for Ameritech Illinois has discussed the consolidation motion with counsel for Commission Staff, who does not oppose the motion. Given Choctaw's execution of the amendment, counsel for Ameritech Illinois believes that Choctaw's counsel also supports consolidation in order to allow the Commission to consider these two dockets concurrently and to review the agreement as amended.

WHEREFORE, Ameritech Illinois requests that the above cases be consolidated before ALJ Albers and that the Commission grant such other relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of February, 2003

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, James A. Huttenhower, an attorney, certify that a copy of the foregoing **Motion To Consolidate Proceedings** was served on the following parties by electronic transmission on February 7, 2003.

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